

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen and Planning Commission

November 19, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Present: (BMA) Mayor Bickers, Alderman Gormley, Alderman Holley, Vice Mayor Smith
(PC) Vice Chairman Huffman, Kelly, Marshall, Mayor Bickers, Holley

Absent: (BMA) Alderman Pugh
(PC) Whitehead, Chairman Curtis

Others Present: Blount County Planning Office Cameron Buckner, Accountants Don and Julie Teffeteller and eight citizens.

Mayor Bickers and Vice Chairman Huffman called the joint meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Bickers led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MOTION by Gormley to approve the BMA minutes of the October 08, 2019 meeting of the BMA. Second by Smith. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

MOTION by Holley to approve the Planning Commission minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting of the Planning Commission. Second by Bickers. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor's Report and Approval of Monthly Financial Report:

Financial report for month ending October 31 was reviewed.

As of 10/31/2019 \$1, 851,172.87

MOTION by Smith to accept the October monthly financial report. Second by Holley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor Bickers reported on the success of the Octoberfest on Saturday, October 18. Mayor gave thanks to all those who helped make the event successful, especially thanks to Linda Webb. We had good attendance despite inclement weather. There was a new, first-time BBQ contest winner, New Pigs on the Block. The music was great and significant funds were raised for charitable organizations.

Mayor Bickers announced the upcoming Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 30. As always, the lineup will begin at 10:00 AM at Louisville Christian Church on Topside Road. The parade will begin at 11:00 AM and proceed to Town Hall. Linda Webb announced that, to encourage the entry of floats, three prizes will be given to float entries. The Grand Prize will be for the most patriotic, the Mayors Award for the best theme and the Spirit Award for the best response from spectators.

Mayor Bickers reviewed the status of the Music Festival to be held at Town Hall on May 29 & 30 in 2020. The Mayor provided some further details about the entertainment line-up. Formal announcement and final details will be announced in a press release on December 02, 2019.

Citizens Comments: Earl Morgan thanked Linda Webb for her efforts to assist the New Providence rummage sale success at the recent Octoberfest. The rummage sale raised over \$300. Ms. Walker commented that Little Dug Gap Road is in need of having the road striping done. She indicated that the lines have faded and should be repainted. Realtor for Bill Mattison spoke about the reason for requesting the rezoning of his property from C-1 to R-1. Frank Reed commented on his understanding of Bill Mattison's intentions for commercial activity on property on Little Dug Gap Road. He is concerned that any zoning change in Mattison's property on Louisville Road may impact use on Little Dug Gap Road.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY REZONING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3036 LOUISVILLE ROAD) (First Reading)

Mayor Bickers reviewed the background concerning the proposed ordinance. Mayor Bickers noted that the amended Ordinance was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on September 17, 2019. Mayor Bickers also reviewed concerns expressed during the Public Hearing and by citizens about the impact of the proposed amendment. Mayor Bickers expressed that he does not support down zoning a property such as this solely at the benefit of one individual. Mayor Bickers expressed his support to Mr. Mattison that residential use at this property is acceptable to the Town of Louisville and that this has been communicated to the owner is a letter.

MOTION by Bickers to deny the ordinance requesting rezoning at 3036 Louisville Road from C-1 to R-1. Second by Gormley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION DENIED**

The property will remain zoned R-1.

Other Action/Discussion Items:

Joint Workshop by BMA/PC: Mayor Bickers began by emphasizing that the BMA and Planning Commission need to update the Growth Plan for the next 10-20 year period. Mayor Bickers reviewed the progress in the Town of Louisville over the last ten years including construction of the Town Hall, business hours expanding, number of full time employees increasing, improvements to parks and many others areas. Mayor emphasized two major areas that will be addressed in the near future are sewer and approval of a referendum permitting liquor by the drink and wine sales in grocery stores. These areas are critical for future commercial development. Mayor Bickers requested that the BMA and PC make a major commitment to complete in 2020 the Growth Plan update, review and update the Zoning Ordinance and develop a plan to incorporate the Neighborhood Commercial zoning into the overall commercial development plan. Vice Chairman Huffman spoke about utilizing our well-functioning Planning Commission and the talents of the Blount County Planning Office to accomplish these goals.

Announcements/Comments from Individual Aldermen: None

BMA MOTION by Gormley to adjourn the joint meeting; Second by Smith, VOTE: UNANIMOUS. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 PM

PC MOTION by Huffman to adjourn the joint meeting; Second by Kelly, VOTE: UNANIMOUS. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 PM



Mayor

Town Recorder